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## **THINK IT'S EASY TO DRIVE UNDER THE INFLUENCE? ALLEGANY FAIRGOERS WILL FIND OUT OTHERWISE, THANKS TO DRINKING DRIVER MONITOR PROGRAM**

***"Assimilator goggles" will simulate what it's like to drive when impaired***

***Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. at the Allegany County Fairgrounds***

TOWSON, MD (July 21, 2004)—Fairgoers in Allegany County this Saturday can find out how dangerous trying to drive after "just a couple drinks" can be, thanks to the Division of Parole and Probation's Drinking Driver Monitor Program. Cumberland-area DDMP Field Supervisor Cheryl Sioma will demonstrate a pair of goggles which simulates what it's like to drive with a blood-alcohol level of .08---or even .20. She will then let the public attempt to maneuver a golf cart around while wearing the goggles.

The event at the Allegany County Fair is in partnership with the Allegany County Highway Safety Committee, which has also arranged for other public safety and law enforcement agencies to participate with special demonstrations and displays designed to remind us all to be safe on the highways.

Maryland's Drinking Driver Monitor Program, a unit of the Division of Parole and Probation, supervises more than 16,000 convicted drunken drivers across the state. DDMP monitors in the Cumberland and Oakland field offices supervise 600 convicted drunken drivers.

The Division of Parole and Probation provides vital services and community supervision for nearly 70,000 offenders from Oakland to Ocean City. It is a component of the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

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